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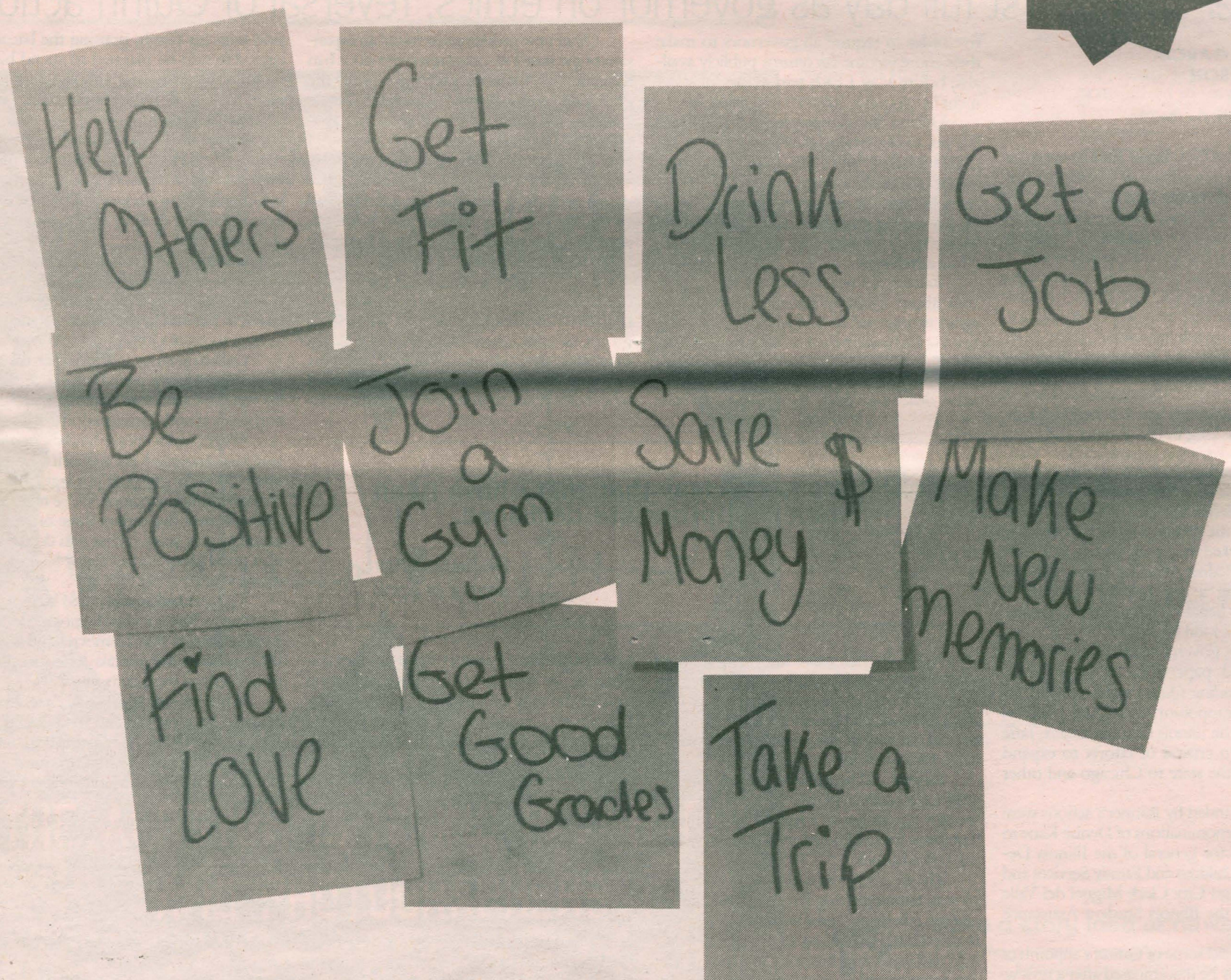
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Construction project sets limits for Green Lot permit lottery Fall 2015



Science East construction will cut Green Lot permit availability for Fall 2015, according to Director of Administrative Services Bob Vanzo. Photo by Lashai Spencer/Alestle

**MADY O'REILLY
BRITTANY COX**
*Alestle Managing Editor
Alestle Reporter*

As classes kicked off this week, students may have noticed the fence spanning a portion of the perimeter of Lot A, or the Green Lot. This obstruction between the Student Fitness Center and Science East is the start of a two-year renovation project.

"This is the beginning of the renovation of the old science building," Director of Administrative Services Bob Vanzo said. "It's about a two-year project."

Students may be concerned about campus construction costing them, but Vanzo said this project does not affect SIUE's budget.

"This is all from a capital budget from the state of Illinois,

so it's not costing the university anything. Governor Quinn came and made an announcement last fall that we were getting money from the state to do that. It's part of the capital budget process," Vanzo said.

The construction is taking up a large portion of the parking lot, which may cause Green Lot permit holders to worry.

"We're going to have to give up a pretty large section of Lot A for the construction trailers and the workers, so there will probably be a loss of about a hundred parking spaces," Vanzo said. "They'll notice that I'm sure because some of the students do have Green [Lot] permits."

Despite the loss of parking spaces, with the current amount of permit holders in the Green lot, the construction will cause minimal to no inconvenience.

"Everybody will fit, so there's not a problem right now," Vanzo said.

However, Vanzo predicts this project will have an impact on the Green Lot permit lottery this upcoming fall. Because of the higher traffic in Lot A during the fall semester, Vanzo is predicting a fewer amount of available permits for the yearly lottery.

"Next fall, we'll probably have to limit the sale of Green [Lot] permits to make sure everybody fits because [the fall semester is] when we're busiest and fullest," Vanzo said. "I don't know how many we're going to allow for. The process won't be any different, but the number might not be as great."

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Rauner spends 1st full day as governor on ethics, reversal of Quinn actions

**MONIQUE GARCIA
RICK PEARSON
RAY LONG**
Chicago Tribune/MCT

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner spent his first full day in office Tuesday vowing to overturn a series of moves Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn made on his way out the door, accusing his predecessor of engaging in "inappropriate" political hiring and appointments.

Sitting behind a large desk displaying a nameplate reading "GOVERNOR," Rauner said he would seek to rescind all appointments, hires or job transfers Quinn made since Nov. 1, just days before the Democrat lost his re-election bid.

"We have too much evidence that he was not making decisions that were good for the people for the long term," Rauner said at the first news conference in his second-floor Capitol office since being sworn in a day earlier. "It's been clear that there have been some inappropriate decisions."

Rauner, the first Republican governor in 12 years, marked the day by issuing new rules on employee ethics, meeting with legislative leaders, doing a dry run for his part in Wednesday's Senate inauguration and sampling beer at a local brew pub.

The new governor addressed reporters after he filed paperwork to sweep away dozens of pending Quinn appointments, including the reappointment of Aaron Jaffe as chairman of the Illinois Gaming Board. Jaffe has long been critical of efforts to expand gambling in the state to Chicago and other areas.

Also rescinded by Rauner's actions were the pending renominations of Denise Kane to remain inspector general of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and former Chicago City Clerk Miguel del Valle to a post on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Rauner said some of Quinn's appointees may eventually be renominated after a review.

"We will very promptly and expeditiously be assessing folks and reappointing those that make sense," Rauner said.

It was unclear if Rauner's decision to try to roll back his predecessor's last-minute actions includes the reversal of a Quinn executive

order to require all governors to make their entire income tax returns publicly available before May 1 each year as part of state-ment of economic interests they must file.

During the campaign, Quinn pressed Rauner to release copies of his entire tax filings, including schedules and attachments. Rauner released the cover filings of his tax returns but not the underlying forms. There is no law forcing governors or candidates to release any tax information, though it has become a tradition.

Rauner did not directly address a question about Quinn's income tax edict and again maintained he had gone beyond what the law required in the tax information he released.

The new governor issued his own executive order on ethics, mandating that state

Other new provisions included an expansion of the state's so-called revolving-door ban to prevent all employees in agencies under the governor's control from seeking an outside lobbying job until one year after leaving government. The rules do not go into effect until Feb. 15, however. Rauner argued the delay was to ensure staffers from Quinn's office stayed on to help with the transition instead of finding new jobs. Rauner also acknowledged the limitation has made it difficult for him to make new hires.

State workers would be required to disclose membership or employment in any nongovernment business, nonprofit or labor group, or educational institution, regardless of whether the positions are paid or not. Also, any state employee or direct family member who holds more than 5 percent financial in-

terest with his family, praising the bacon and eggs. He said he planned to spend his first night in the deteriorating home despite concerns from wife Diana about falling plaster and waterlogged furniture.

Earlier in the day, Rauner met with the top four leaders of the Democrat-dominated General Assembly, but once again they said no specifics were discussed about the Republican's plans for dealing with the state's financial problems.

Democratic Senate President John Cullerton repeated previous comments that Rauner had "a lot to learn" about state government but said he'd be willing to help undo at least some of Quinn's final actions.

Cullerton suggested some of the executive orders Quinn issued may have exceeded his executive authority, pointing specifically to two dealing with immigration.

"There was a couple he did on immigration that exceeded his authority," Cullerton said. "So we're going to put legislation in, as we have numerous times. We've rejected Gov. Quinn's executive orders three or four times in the last six years. What you do then, is, if it's a good idea, you put a new bill in and pass the new bill."

The comments also could be viewed as a warning to Rauner as he begins to flex his executive powers that Democrats who control the legislature will not take kindly to attempts to undermine their authority.

While House Speaker Michael Madigan declared he was prepared to cooperate with Rauner, questions still remain about whether the two will be able to find common ground after Rauner labeled Madigan and Cullerton "corrupt."

"It will be difficult if somebody wants to make it difficult, but that's not going to be me. I plan to commit to the people of the state of Illinois, and to Gov. Rauner, to work cooperatively to solve the problems of the state," Madigan said.

Asked if there were any apologies made during the closed-door meeting about the campaign mudslinging, Madigan said "none were offered."

"I didn't think that I was required to offer any," Madigan said.

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Bruce Rauner
Governor of Illinois

employees disclose more information about their outside activities and financial interests. It also bans them from receiving meals or gifts from lobbyists and others who may have a financial interest in the area of state government they work for or oversee.

Rauner said he will be required to release additional details of his investments. The wealthy equity investor moved to put his investments into a blind trust shortly before taking office Monday.

The new rules would prevent state employees from receiving any free meals, beverages or gifts from lobbyists and government business interests, or have travel expenses covered to discuss state business. Previously, state employees could get meals of up to \$75 a day or receive gifts with a combined value of \$100 over the course of a year. State workers could still receive food and beverages served at business meetings or receptions in the course of their official duties, subject to approval from the governor's office or state agency.

Interest in property leased by the state must disclose it, as well as divulge any litigation against the state or a named party with state government.

In addition, state agencies also must have all contractual employment cleared by the governor's budget office. Asked what type or how many employees have contractual employment by the state, the new administration said it didn't know.

In signing the rules, Rauner made it clear that he was trying to tie the issue of ethics to getting public support for his upcoming — but unstated — agenda for dealing with the state's massive financial problems, which include agencies facing cash shortages and a state with a burgeoning deficit.

"We need help from the people," Rauner said. "We've got to have [public] confidence because we're going to be asking for sacrifice."

Before facing the television cameras, Rauner ate breakfast at the Executive Man-

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SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

1-3-15

An officer met with a vehicle owner in Evergreen Hall parking lot who thought her vehicle was being tampered with. The officer said no damage had been done to the vehicle.

1-5-15

A student provided information regarding an order of protection she had against her ex-boyfriend out of Monroe County.

An officer issued a citation to Christine M. Gillum for expired registration. The offense occurred on East University Drive.

An officer issued a citation to Alec W. Kuhn for expired registration. The offense occurred on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

1-7-15

A caller reported a subject walking north of University Drive toward New Poag Road and was concerned for their welfare because of the temperature being near zero. The officer checked the area but did not find anyone.

A 911 caller stated when she arrived home from work she found her front door broken in and an electronic item missing from her apartment.

1-8-15

An officer issued citations to Mikayla Maduzia for expired registration and no insurance on Cougar Lake Drive at North University Drive.

1-9-15

A building service supervisor found someone sleeping in Room 0036 in the Engineering Building. The subject was working on a research project and fell asleep, and had permission to access the building.

A female caller reported a suspicious white male removing a license plate from a vehicle in Lot 4F in Cougar Village. The officer responded and made contact with the subject, and discovered he was the owner of the vehicle.

An officer issued a citation to Marcus L. Scott for expired reg-

istration. The offense occurred on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

A female resident of the 400 side of Cougar Village reported two children walking on Cougar Lake. The female resident stated she yelled at them to get off but thought they went back onto the ice. Officers responded and found the children on the lake. Both children safely made it to the ground, and the parent and University Housing were both notified.

1-10-15

An officer took a phone report from a concerned father about a situation involving his 14-year-old daughter and a student on campus. The father stated the subject possessed nude photos of his daughter and threatened to post them on social media. The suspect does not live on campus but is a student.

An officer responded to The Gardens at SIUE regarding people ice skating. The subjects were informed ice skating is prohibited.

1-11-15

Officers responded to the Student Fitness Center and arrested Jawan M. Johnson for criminal trespassing on state-supported land. Johnson was transported to the SIUE Police Department where he was processed. Johnson posted \$400 cash bond and was released.

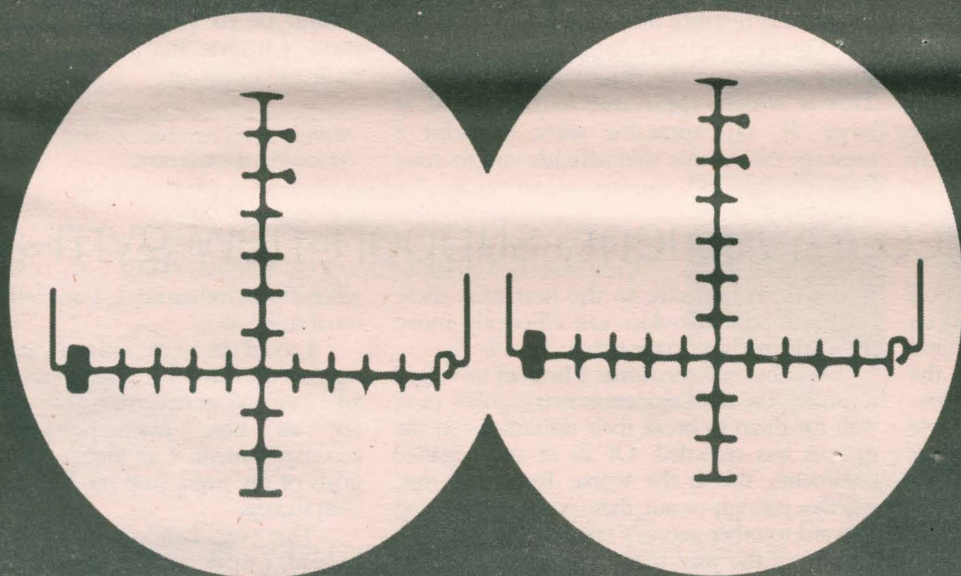
1-13-15

An officer responded to the East St. Louis campus library to meet with a librarian who said a female was upset with printing problems and caused a disturbance and left.

A subject came to the SIUE Police Department and reported she was hit by a vehicle in the crosswalk in front of the Vadalabene Center earlier this morning. The subject stated she was neither knocked down nor injured but wanted to inform the police of the incident.

A 911 caller reported hearing yelling and crashing coming from 423 Cougar Village, followed by a female crying. The officers spoke with the residents and determined it was verbal only.

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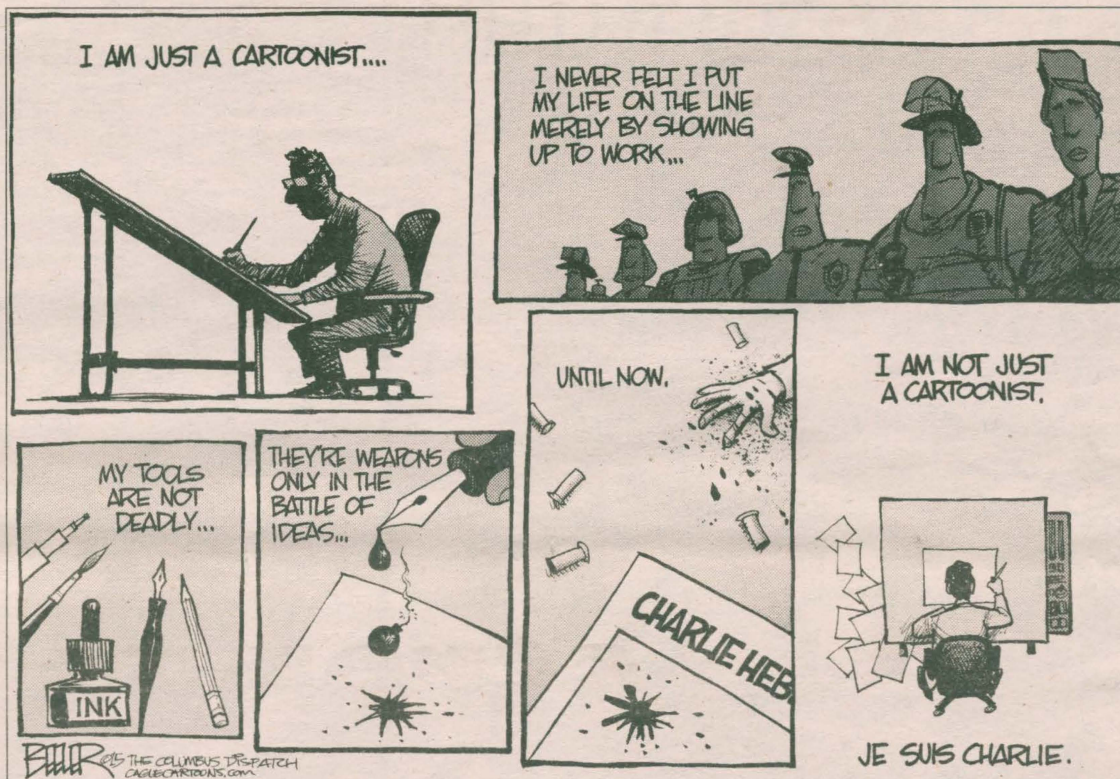
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Remember the golden rule

This year, make bettering yourself go beyond the physical

With the new year finally poking its head out from its blanket of new year's resolutions and drunken promises, ranging from quitting smoking to doing better in school, I find myself coming face-to-face with a familiar occurrence — one that I deeply believe is a problem. Every year people focus on being a better person for themselves, but very rarely are there people who resolve becoming a better humanitarian, to treat others with the respect they feel they deserve as well.



Nathan Sierra
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This is common everywhere. People do not have nearly enough respect for one another. I see this at the gym, where many

people are starting off the year in order to get that body they have always wanted to acquire with the effort that they have penciled in for the first few weeks of every January. Simple manners and etiquette are lost — for example, people walk the track on the second level of the Student Fitness Center. This is absolutely fine, and even encouraged, but the problem arises when people walk side-by-side with their friends, blocking up the three lanes. It is great that people are trying to incorporate physical fitness in their lives, and meshing fitness with a social life is a great way to establish a routine, but being wildly oblivious to other people jogging and inhibiting their fitness progress is terribly inconsiderate.

The problem with lacking respect is not solely present in the fitness center, though. This is widely applicable to the world at large. If, say, someone were to print a message or a comic that offends you to your

very core, even though it shakes your foundation, do not take out your anger and frustration with violence. Instead, show people the respect you demand and explain, using your adult words, that what you have seen is offensive. Chances are the creator will respond, and through the following dialogue, learning from both sides will come about. This exchange will only result from an exhibition of mutual respect.

So yes, while this point of the year is a great time to establish new routines in order to better yourself, keep in mind that the way you treat other people is a reflection of the quality of person you happen to be. If there is one thing we all should resolve to do, it should be to have more respect for both those who are like us, and those who are radically different.

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Exercise your encouragement, support new gym-goers

It's 2015, and what better way to start off the new year than by giving last year's resolutions another go. According to the Journal of Clinical Psychology at the University of Scranton, the number one resolution of 2014 was to lose weight. With an 8 percent success rate, people who don't resolve to lose weight because of their already strict year-round gym schedule tend to scoff at those who are inspired by the hope the new year brings, giving these new gym-goers the name "resolutioners."



Mady O'Reilly
Alestle
Managing Editor

Soon after midnight hit, my Twitter feed was full of annoyed tweets by pessimistic gym regulars, focusing on the negative side of the new group of resolutioners rather than encouraging them on their new journeys to become healthier and happier. They complain the gym is always too crowded and that the new people don't know how to work the machines correctly. I understand that may be frustrating, but I don't see the difficulty in taking the time to show them how

to use them correctly, so the next time these rowing machine rookies can efficiently move from one machine to the other.

Another comment that I hear all too often regarding the resolutioners is that regulars can't wait for them to break their resolutions so the gym is less crowded. Of all of the negative comments, this is the worst. By saying this, whether jokingly or not, these people are looking forward to other people's failures. The other 11 months of the year, these resolutioners put up with snide comments and judgmental looks regarding their weight by the regulars. Waiting for someone to slip up and fall out of their new gym schedule is cruel and hypocritical.

I don't have a problem with people getting frustrated over a crowded gym; I don't like busy places either. What I do have a problem with is wishing for the failure of others for selfish reasons.

This is not only applicable to the gym, but also the library. I know as well as the next person how annoying it is being unable to find a seat in the library during the weeks leading up to finals week. During the semester, a good portion of those students occupying the third floor tables usually aren't even there more than twice, yet

when finals roll around, I am left without my usual study spot.

I could get angry and frustrated, as the gym regulars do with the resolutioners, but I have to take a second to remember that we, as students, are all here reaching for the same accomplishment. I shouldn't let the academic goals of my peers stop me from achieving my own success.

This year, I didn't make any resolutions. Instead, I made a promise to myself to handle situations as they come and think more about how the way I live my life impacts others. Rather than scrutinizing and doubting people who are inspired by the promises and possibilities each new year brings, we should be encouraging and supportive to our friends — and even strangers — who want to better themselves.

I urge all you regular gym-goers to take this into consideration and make the same promise to yourselves. Next time you're frustrated with the next resolutioner you encounter, look for ways to help them instead of criticize them. You may surprise yourself.

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Set your sights on the new year with stronger goals

Caitlin Grove
Alestle Lifestyles Editor

As soon as the new year arrives, everyone has a new ideal of how they want to live their lives. Whether it is going to the gym more often, eating a little less of that chocolate cake or spending less time on social media — all resolutions begin with good intentions and end with, “there’s always next year.”

As opposed to resolutions, it may be a good idea to set goals — things you would like to accomplish and improve at. It makes these plans seem more manageable and not as easily breakable as typical resolutions.

According to the 6th annual New Year’s Resolution Survey from Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, the majority of Americans set resolu-

tions at the gym as opposed to the bank.

“While financial stability continues to be an important topic for new year’s resolutions, it remains a lower priority for most Americans with only 30 percent of respondents choosing it as their top focus for 2015,” according to an Allianz Life press release.

The press release said there is a continual shifted focus from finances to health.

“Reaching its peak in 2014, with nearly half (49 percent) of respondents saying that health/wellness is the most important focus area for the upcoming year, up from 43 percent in 2013,” according to an Allianz Life press release. “Similarly, exercise/diet was highlighted as the top new year’s resolution that most people said they would most likely make and keep (42 percent), ahead of managing money better (40 percent) and spending more time with family/friends (32 percent).”

percent).”

Vice President of Consumer Insights for Allianz Life Katie Libbe said due to the continued progress of the U.S. economy, many have moved past the financial difficulties of recent years and have developed confidence in their financial well-being.

“Bad habits die hard,” said Libbe. “The New Year is a great time to evaluate your financial plan and whether people choose to go it alone or utilize guidance from a financial professional; any proactive step can help lessen financial stress.”

Regardless, it is always fun to begin the new year with the idea of a new beginning. Students shared their ideas on resolutions and some of their plans for the upcoming year.

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Man on the Street: What are your feelings on new year’s resolutions? Do you have any goals for 2015?

I tend to stay away from [resolutions] just because people always break them. If you want to do something, you’ve got to do it for yourself. So if you’re using the new year for it, it’s not right.

Randy Romann
Junior
Edwardsville



I personally don’t have any. [It] I didn’t really occur to me to make a new year’s resolution. It seems kind of weird that we go through a transition from one year to another, when really just another day goes by. I do have long-term goals; I just don’t set them within the year. If you have a big goal, you have to break them up into little goals or else it seems like you’re not making any progress on it. Break that large goal up into something you can complete every day and that way you can feel like you actually did something and didn’t give up on it.

Francisco Lagunas
Freshman
Chicago



I’ve never been too fond of that whole, “new year, new me” because I feel like change is over time. Things you feel like you need to work on, just work on them. Don’t just say you’re going to change over one day.

Ehikhuemhen Enaholo
Senior
Chicago



I don’t have any [resolutions]. I’m just going to have a better year, that’s the way I look at it. I think people should make a list and put it in their face. Every time they wake up you look at this list and say, “I’m going to try to do and achieve something today.”

Janice Cooper
Sophomore
St. Louis, Mo.



I would say it’s a valid thing to do, but people don’t carry them out. It’s a lifestyle change people need to make throughout the year, not just because of the new year new you and all that good stuff. If you actually want to lose weight in the new year, get a group of friends together, join a gym and get a fitness trainer.

Mersad Besic
Graduate student
St. Louis, Mo.



My new year’s resolution is to remember what my resolutions were the past two years. I think they are pointless. We see it at the gym every year, the first couple of weeks everyone is there and then it just dies off. People have these extravagant resolutions and don’t even follow through with them for more than a couple of weeks. If you write them down, plan them out accordingly and are committed to it, I think they can do it.

Chris Foster
Senior
Pittsfield



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Women's Basketball

	OVERALL	OVC
UT Martin	7-9	3-0
SIUE	8-9	3-1
E. Illinois	6-11	3-1
Morehead St.	6-10	2-1
Tenn. State	5-9	2-1
Austin Peay	5-11	2-1
Jax. State	11-5	2-2
Tenn. Tech	5-12	2-2
E. Kentucky	6-7	1-2
Belmont	4-13	1-3
Murray State	5-11	0-3
SE Missouri	7-10	0-4

Results from Jan. 3

E. Illinois 66, Jax. State 63

SIUE 83, Tenn. Tech 69

UT Martin 83, Belmont 68

Austin Peay 81, E. Kentucky 71

Morehead St. 64, Murray State 63

Tenn. State 62, SE Missouri 55

Results from Jan. 8

Morehead St. 64, SE Missouri 59

UT Martin 76, E. Kentucky 63

Austin 57, Jax. State 54

Tenn. Tech 74, Murray State 69

Schedule for Jan. 15

E. Illinois at E. Kentucky

SIUE at Morehead St.

Tenn. State at Murray State

Belmont at Austin Peay

UT Martin at Tenn. Tech

Schedule for Jan. 17

E. Illinois at Morehead St.

SIUE at E. Kentucky

Tenn. Tech at SE Missouri

Men's Basketball

	OVERALL	OVC
EAST		
E. Kentucky	10-5	2-0
Belmont	10-6	2-1
Morehead St.	6-12	1-2
Tenn. Tech	9-8	1-3
Jax. State	8-10	1-3
Tenn. State	3-15	0-3
WEST		
E. Illinois	10-6	4-0
Murray State	13-4	3-0
SIUE	7-8	3-1
UT Martin	9-6	1-1
SE Missouri	7-10	1-3
Austin Peay	5-11	0-2

Results from Jan. 3

Ole Miss 92, Austin Peay 63

E. Illinois 59, Jax. State 50

E. Kentucky 63, SC State 52

Murray State 66, Morehead St. 57

SIUE 85, Tenn. Tech 62

SE Missouri 77, Tenn. State 62

Results from Jan. 8

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Murray State 83, Tenn. Tech 67

Morehead St. 70, SE Missouri 57

Jax. State 71, Austin Peay 59

Schedule for Jan. 15

E. Illinois at E. Kentucky

SIUE at Morehead St.

UT Martin at Tenn. Tech

Tenn. State at Austin Peay

Belmont at Murray State

Schedule for Jan. 17

E. Illinois at Morehead St.

Jax. State at UT Martin

SIUE at E. Kentucky

Tenn. Tech at SE Missouri

Tenn. State at Murray State

Belmont at Austin Peay

Schedule for Jan. 22

Morehead St. at Tenn. Tech

UT Martin at Belmont

Austin Peay at SIUE

E. Kentucky at Jax. State

Murray State at E. Illinois



Freshman forward Gwen Adams fights for a layup against Tennessee State University on Saturday, Jan. 10. Adams had a career-high 26 points to lead the Cougars in scoring.

Photo by Christian K. Lee/Alestle

Offensive explosion leads Cougars to home victory

BEN LEVIN
Alestle Sports Editor

Using 42 points from the paint, the SIUE women's basketball team powered past Tennessee State University 91-83 on Saturday, Jan. 10.

With a combined 174 points, the game was filled with offense from both sides. Head Coach Paula Buscher said the high scoring game occurred in part to how both teams play.

"These are two teams that just really go at it," Buscher said. "These are two teams that play aggressive. Both teams like to push it a little bit. I think both teams have playmakers on their team. Different people stepped up for them; different people stepped up for us. Both teams have the ability to put a lot of teams up."

Led by freshman forward Gwen Adams and redshirt junior guard Shrona Butts, the Cougars scored a season-high 91 points. Butts gave high praise to Adams for her performance.

"Oh my Lord," Butts said. "She had an amazing game. I expect that out of [Adams] as a freshman just because of what she's shown me throughout the season. She can do that every night. It's good for us. It really helps us."

Adams' 26 points was a game-high and career-high for the first year guard from Ferguson, Mo. Buscher said Adams' performance came from the freshman's intelligence for the game.

"She just keeps maturing as a player," Buscher said. "She's got tremendous basketball IQ. She understands the game. I think the biggest thing for her is now, she's expanding her game and she's got

job of passing us the ball, and even if we didn't have the shot, the post would kick back out for the three. The guards did a great job of shooting behind the arc and just getting shots off."

The Cougars took the lead with 11 minutes left in the first half, and did not give it up for the rest of the game, but were challenged late in the second half. After a slow first half that saw her score three points,

you. I thought it was important during that time that we stopped their run. We stepped up and hit free throws."

The Cougars as a whole went 32-35 from the free-throw line, a big part of how they were able to keep TSU from taking a lead. Adams said the team has been working on shots from the line all season.

"We've always been working on our free throws," Adams said. "It could always come down to our free-throw game. We just want to be prepared so we can get 100 percent from the free throw line."

The Cougars play next at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, when the team travels to Morehead, Ky., to take on Morehead State University.

"These are two teams that just really go at it...play aggressive."

Paula Buscher
SIUE Women's Basketball Head Coach

the ability to step out to 3-point range, that 18-foot range, and that really allows us to do quite a few things on the offensive end."

Butts, who leads the team with 13.6 points per game, was the next highest scorer for the Cougars, scoring 22. Butts said her ability to score in the game came from the team's planning before the game.

"Coach emphasized, to the post players especially, that we needed to get in there and post big," Adams said. "I think the guards did a good

Tieryn Austin helped secure the victory, ending the game with a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Buscher said Austin's contribution came from the free-throw line, where she was 11-12.

"I thought that was huge," Buscher said. "I thought [Austin] did a great job because [TSU] were playing physical, and we did get to the line, but if you and you don't put your free throws in, it's just like a turnover. They're coming back at

Injury Report

The Cougars were without starter junior guard CoCo Moore (knee) in the game versus Tennessee State. Buscher said Moore is day-to-day, but should be available in the near future.

Junior guard Erin Kelley was injured against TSU, limping off the court. Averaging 2.6 points per game, Buscher said the team did not know the full diagnosis of Kelley's injury as of Saturday night.

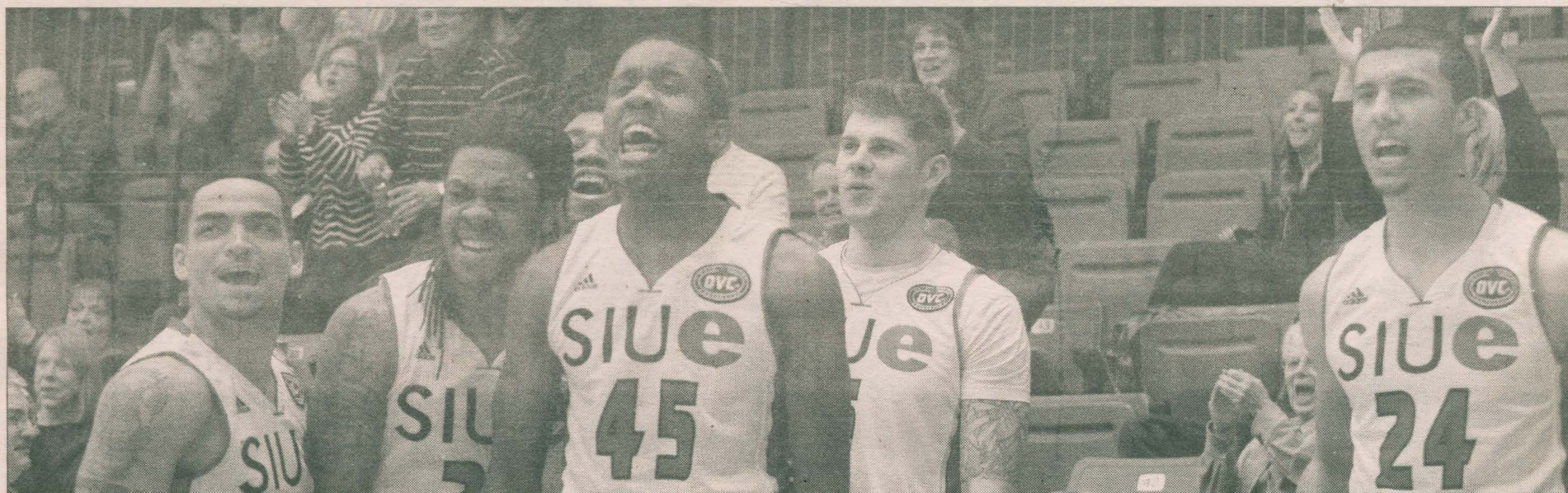
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Game Statistics

Gwen Adams (26 pts., 8-13 FG, 9-10 FT)
Shrona Butts (22, 7-11, 8-8)
Tieryn Austin (14, 1-4, 11-12)

Micah Jones (12, 4-9, 4-5)
Donshel Beck (11, 4-6, 3-3)
Sidney Smith (6, 2-7, 0-0)

Alexis Chappelle (0, 0-0, 0-0)
Raven Warford (0, 0-1, 0-0)
Erin Kelley (0, 0-0, 0-0)



The men's basketball team celebrates a victory against Tennessee State University on Saturday, Jan. 10. The Cougars were led by senior guards Rozell Nunn and Kris Davis. Nunn scored a team-high 10 points. Davis scored a late 3-pointer to put the team ahead for the remainder of the game. Photo by Christian K. Lee/Alestle

Late game heroics get Cougars back on winning track

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Alestle Sports Editor

After a tough loss to Belmont University during the week, the men's basketball team struggled offensively against Tennessee State University on Saturday, Jan. 10, but picked up a 45-38 victory.

Shooting 33.3 percent from the field, the Cougars relied heavily on their defense to secure the victory. Head Coach Lennox Forrester said he has focused on the team's defense for situations like the one they faced against TSU.

"I've been preaching to our guys about defense," Forrester said. "I told them there's going to be nights where you have some rough shooting and some bad nights, but you can never have a bad night on defense. I thought we did a pretty good job as far as guarding them."

The game was balanced up to the last minute. With 1:02 left in the game, senior guard Kris Davis got an open 3-pointer off an inbound pass and made it, giving the Cougars a 41-38 lead.

After the score, senior guard Rozell Nunn got a steal on the defensive end, and threw down a dunk on the offense to help seal the game for SIUE.

Forrester said SIUE's experience advantage was what helped the Cougars to victory.

"That's another thing about our guys — the seniors," Forrester said. "Kris

Davis made a big shot for us when it was a tied ball game. [Nunn] came up with a big steal. Then we had some big rebounds. Kris Davis got some rebounds. [Nunn] got some big, tough rebounds down the stretch. To me, when you have seniors on your team, those are the plays you have to make. It's nothing spectacular, but it was making the tough plays for us down the stretch tonight."

Davis echoed his coach's message, and said he and Nunn knew it was their time to step up for the team.

Cougars.

"Their game plan was to pack the lane, and since they were in the lane, we felt we had to settle for jump shots," Davis said. "Our coaches just told us to stay with it, get the ball moving. Even if they're in the gaps with the ball movement, they have to help, so we'll end up getting good shots."

The Cougars' struggles to score occurred most often in the first half, when the team went 6-23 from the field, including a 2-12 performance from a 3-

Davis said the team's scoring problems in the first half led to poor play on the defensive end of the court.

"We were so worried about getting back on offense, because our offense wasn't flowing; to try to fix that, we were slipping on the defensive end," Davis said. "As long as we play defense, our offense will come."

Although the Cougars' bench players scored 11 points, their greatest impact to the game was felt on the defense. Davis attributed the team's success to the ability of the bench players to help the team out when it was struggling.

"Our second unit gave us pretty much all the life we needed in the second half," Davis said. "They really came in and set the tone defensively. It really helped us in the second half because the first unit didn't really set the tone as well as we should have. That's why we have all those guys. We need everybody."

The Cougars' next game is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, when the team travels to Morehead, Ky., to play Morehead State University. The team's next home game is at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Vadalabene Center when the team goes up against Austin Peay State University. The game will be televised on Fox Sports Midwest.

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SIUE Men's Basketball Head Coach

"Seniors in the game, with four years of college basketball, have basically seen pretty much every situation," Davis said. "We're not afraid of the moment. I know [Nunn] isn't and myself — I'm not. When a big moment like that comes, we're not afraid of stepping up."

With six points in the game, well below his 14.7 points per game average, Davis said the offense struggled due to TSU's defensive plan against the

point range. Forrester said the team's low shooting percentage was due to poor shot selection.

"At halftime, I told them we took too many bad shots — more bad shots than I can remember we've taken all season long," Forrester said. "I thought we had some open looks, and then sometimes wouldn't shoot it. When you take some bad shots and miss, you sort of lose your confidence a little bit."

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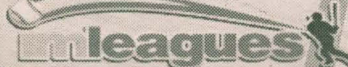
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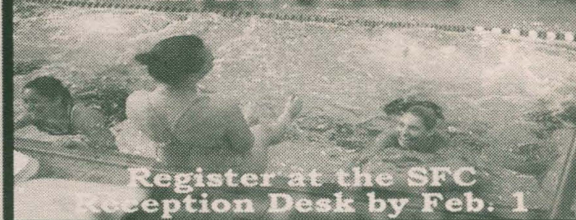
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